



## MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

December 2, 2020

6:30pm

**AS WE GATHER:** Jesus as the Lord of the universe and the Son of God, has many names by which He is called. Each name gives us glimpses into who Christ is, what He came to do, and how He will come again on the Last Day. Each name also teaches us how we can call upon Jesus' name in faith by telling us more about who He is. In this Advent Sermon Series, "Hello, His Name Is," we will be exploring the most prominent names that Jesus is given throughout Scripture. Advent is a season when we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ child, but it also is in preparation for Christ's Second Coming as we look forward to Christ's return on the Last Day. Philippians 2:10 states that on the last day "at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow..." What is this name that everyone will bow before when Christ returns? We will take a journey throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament learning what it means that Jesus' Name is...

### WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN #515

*"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.
  
- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The Bridegroom is at hand.

3       The saints, who here in patience  
          Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
          Shall live and reign forever  
          When sorrow is no more.  
          Around the throne of glory  
          The Lamb they shall behold;  
          In triumph cast before Him  
          Their diadems of gold.

4       Our hope and expectation,  
          O Jesus, now appear;  
          Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
          O'er this benighted sphere.  
          With hearts and hands uplifted,  
          We plead, O Lord, to see  
          The day of earth's redemption  
          That sets Your people free!

#### INVOCATION

Pastor:       In the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
                  the Holy Spirit.

People:       **Amen.**

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor:       Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
People:       **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor:       Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
People:       **and the day is almost over.**

Pastor:       Let Your light scatter the darkness  
People:       **and illumine Your Church.**

Pastor:       The Lord of light be with you.  
People:       **And also with you.**

Pastor:       Let us pray. Dear Jesus, in this world we have sin,  
                  sickness, death, and brokenness - in a word, we  
                  have darkness. At just the right time in this  
                  world's darkness, a star shone its light leading  
                  others to your birth, Jesus. The star may have  
                  continued its orbit, but Your light would shine  
                  during the works of Your life and would shine most  
                  brightly in Your resurrection. Now that light  
                  shines through the lives of those who follow You,  
                  our Lord and Savior Jesus.

People:       **Amen.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 9:14-15

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>15</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.*

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**DEVOTION** "Hello, His Name is....Bridegroom"  
Pastor Jeffery Schubert

**HYMN #388**

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

**Refrain:** Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. Refrain.
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain.
- 3 Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain.

**OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD**

**LITANY**

**Pastor:** You, Lord, are our peace and our joy. The advent of Jesus brings us hope. In thanksgiving for Your goodness to us, we pray for peace among nations, peace between peoples, and peace in our hearts. Lord Jesus, the Church's Bridegroom,

**People:** **Come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

**Pastor:** You, Lord, gather us together as Your people, calling us to worship You and to live out the Gospel by blessing our neighbors in our community. Guide us by Your Holy Spirit to fulfill what You would have us do in this world.

**People:** **Come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

**Pastor:** You, Lord, provide leaders to our nation, our state, and our city. Guide all public servants to serve with integrity and to make laws and policies that promote human flourishing.

**People:** **Come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

**Pastor:** You, Lord, came to us as a humble servant, a vulnerable baby born into an often hostile world. Guide us to clothe ourselves with humility, gentleness, and kindness, and not to succumb to the frequently hostile ways of the world in which we live.

**People:** **Come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

**Pastor:** You, Lord, created all that exists and entrust us to be good stewards of it. Help us to care for Your creation in wise and responsible ways.

**People:** **Come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

**Pastor:** You, Lord, never leave nor forsake those in any kind of need or trouble. Comfort those who suffer or mourn. Use us to bring Your presence and Your care to all in danger or need.

**People:** **Come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

**Pastor:** Hear our prayers, Lord, in Your mercy. Grant what we ask according to Your will for the sake of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## TREE LIGHTING

Pastor: Tonight we light up the Christmas trees. Its shape points to something greater and its light will shine brightly.

People: **For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness.**

Pastor: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts

People: **To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Then shall the trees of the forest rejoice before the Lord,

People: **For He comes, for He comes to rule the earth.**

*(The Christmas Trees are Lit)*

## SONG

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Janet Bahr, Principal

## SONG

*"Away in a Manger"*  
*DRLS Kindergarten Classes*

## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Pastor: Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the messiness of sin by making the cross a tree of life, light, and purity. May this tree, arrayed in lights,

remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. In Jesus' Name we pray,

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG**      *“Run, Shepherds, Run”*  
*DRLS Kindergarten Classes*

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**Acolytes:** Nolan Walsh & Sam Schneider